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seemed noticeable. I can still picture Mr. Gaylord standing there by the rail at 6 or so in the morning with umbrella and dressed for Broadway and Mr. Poole's arrival on deck in dressing gown and dishevelled hair and his accostation (if there is such a word) of the ~~ghastly~~ magnificent "stranger".

My wife and I met Mr. Gaylord again on the "Niagara" between Auckland and Vancouver. (May 8th to 26th 1923)

I think the natural wonder which made as deep an impression

4717, Elmwood Avenue,
Los Angeles, June 24th 1924

Dear Dr. Wood.

I am much ashamed at being so long in thanking you for the copy of these most interesting notes upon your recent tour in the South Seas. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your so kindly remembering me in this way. I had hoped to ~~express~~ in some detail

the interest you aroused in me by many of your passages but I am afraid if I try to do so my natural laziness will hopelessly prolong the delay of which I am already so ashamed.

I notice your notes are dated Suva, Fiji Island, November 12th. What a wonderful time you must have had! I was very much tickled by your account of that old hermit crab you saw there, and inspired by the description of your sensations in that hour before day break. (page 9). My wife and I saw a picture last week - fortunately better than its title "The Marriage Cheat" - in which the Island of Tahiti, looming up just as we saw it that Monday morning, March the 26th, was the first scene on the screen. Miles out to sea I remember its tropical fragrance

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as any in all our trip was the glow worms in Waitomo Cave, New Zealand. Did you see them?

I am afraid I must draw this disjointed letter to a close. In case it may be of some interest to you I am enclosing copy of an extract from a book, published I think thirty or forty years ago, relating the shooting of an albatross. I remember mentioning it to you when you were watching the birds

from the story of the "Tahiti" and you said it was a good thing you were not on the ship. I could not help associating what you said then with the incident on the Coronado Islands which you relate. I have seen them too shooting the flying fish around Catalina Island, just for sport. I hope that has been stopped now. For with the crowds going there it would probably end in extermination. Perhaps it had become dangerous. I can only wish some of them a little of the Ancient Mariner's remorse.

Again thanking you exceedingly for the enjoyment your notes have given me, and with the best of regards to yourself and Mrs Wood.

I am
Yours sincerely
Frank M. Hope